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Judge Messitte Hears Closing Arguments on School Busing Case

by Mary Moien

The Prince George's County school desegregation trial moved into closing arguments just as quietly as it had begun about a month earlier. Only two dozen observers were at the Federal Court House in Greenbelt on December 19 to hear the three lawyers present the closing arguments for the County, the Board of Education, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). At issue is whether the county will be released from court supervision of its school system.

At the close of the session, Judge Peter Messitte indicated that he would make a decision by June 1. In the interim, he expects the three parties to cooperate in documenting areas in which there is substantial agreement. In addition, the parties, as well as the Maryland legislature will have a chance to make budget decisions that could affect the decision.

Closing Arguments

The defendants in the case, the county government and the school board, are represented separately as they presented two differing views. The county strove to prove that all desegregation issues had been settled and that the school system should be released from court supervision. The school board had indicated that they wished for a lessened but continuing presence of the court. The plaintiffs, the NAACP, have tried to show that vestiges of segregation remain and that the court should retain jurisdiction.

Defendants

The first to present closing arguments was Andrew Nussbaum, representing the Board of Education. Nussbaum indicated that a plan could be developed to return some students to neighborhood schools over the next few years and that this plan should be

monitored by the court. He indicated that all increases in county funds have gone to education and all vestiges of segregation have been eliminated. Nussbaum indicated that it was most telling that the plaintiff could not present any evidence that further desegregation is possible. Transfers of students for administrative reasons, such as child care, became an issue, but Nussbaum indicated that decreasing those transfers would make no significant difference in the racial characteristics of the schools. The NAACP had stated that more effort could be made to attract white students to magnet schools. Nussbaum indicated that more effort had been made with few students transferring. He indicated that the schools may end up taking white students from schools with few white students already, thus "robbing Peter to pay Paul."

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Smith Property History Reveals Environmental Rules Violations

by Virginia Beauchamp

The A. H. Smith Limited Partnership, which for several decades operated a sand and gravel processing plant in Branchville, now seeks to develop the property. Since construction of the Green Line Metro site at its northern edge, the Smith parcel has taken on potential new value.

Nevertheless, because much of the tract consists of wetlands along a tributary of Indian Creek, its availability for development will be restricted. In fact, over the last ten years the sand and gravel operation has been charged with environmental violations and

a tangled relationship has developed between the owners and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). A report provided by Quentin Banks, spokesperson for the MDE, includes a history of the case, from which we present the following summary:

The sand and gravel operation requires the material to be washed; water used in this process was then discharged into the stream running through the property. This process was authorized in 1985 by the State of Maryland by a discharge permit. In 1988, however, the permit was modified

by MDE, which set effluent limitations for total suspended solids and turbidity in order to protect water quality in the receiving stream.

The owner appealed the new standards charging that MDE lacked jurisdiction. Subsequently the Office of Administrative Hearings ruled in MDE's favor; but the owner again appealed — this time to the Prince George's County Circuit Court.

In August 1990, when the permit expired, the Smith partnership failed to apply for renewal and MDE took administrative actions

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GHI Board Elects Phelan To Fill Vacancy on Board

by Sue Krofchik

When the Greenbelt Homes Inc (GHI) board of directors met on January 8, the first item of business was to fill the director's seat vacated by Alan Turnbull. They then quickly got down to work finalizing plans and setting timelines for completing tasks that must be done in preparation for obtaining County Historic District status. Other topics included the third quarter financial statement and the selection process used to grant membership in the co-op.

A closed executive session was scheduled for January 21 to do the annual evaluation of the GHI general manager. A work session with the City Council was scheduled for February 11 to discuss items of mutual interest. Expected topics will include parking at the Green Ridge House and rollerblading.

A member request to install a four foot privacy screen around a concrete patio was denied.

Vacancies on the Board

The director's seat vacated by Alan Turnbull upon his recent election to the City Council will be filled by Bill Phelan, who was elected 6-2 by the current board in a secret ballot vote. Other GHI members who had indicated an interest in filling this position were Roger Brown and Walter Morse.

Director Steve Harper, who had earlier stated he would be resigning by the end of the year,

has had a change in plans and will not be resigning until he actually sells his home and moves out of GHI.

Historic District Timelines

If all goes as planned, the board will make a recommendation to the membership in July 1998 on whether or not GHI should pursue County Historic District status. A timeline was set for tasks that must be accomplished before the board votes on what they will recommend.

Board work sessions to discuss design guidelines that will affect exteriors of homes and buildings will be held February 19, March 19 and April 16. Staff is expected to have completed their study of rebates, legal implications, and the work permit process by March 19. At some point after April a report will be sent to the County Historic Preservation Commission to express any concerns or problems. A final proposal would hopefully be received from the Commission in June, with the board vote expected to come in July.

Prior to GHI members voting on whether or not to proceed, meetings will be held to educate members and discuss advantages and disadvantages.

Membership Selection Process

The process by which persons are approved for membership in GHI was discussed. The board agreed that criteria and how the

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School Budget Proposed

by Al Geiger

Superintendent Jerome Clark has transmitted his Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 1999 (FY'99) to the Prince George's County Board of Education for review and solicitation of public comment. The FY '99 spending proposal, which covers the period of July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999, totals \$857,160,795. This represents an increase of \$76,765,195 over the FY '98 Operating Budget, a 7.6 percent increase in spending per pupil.

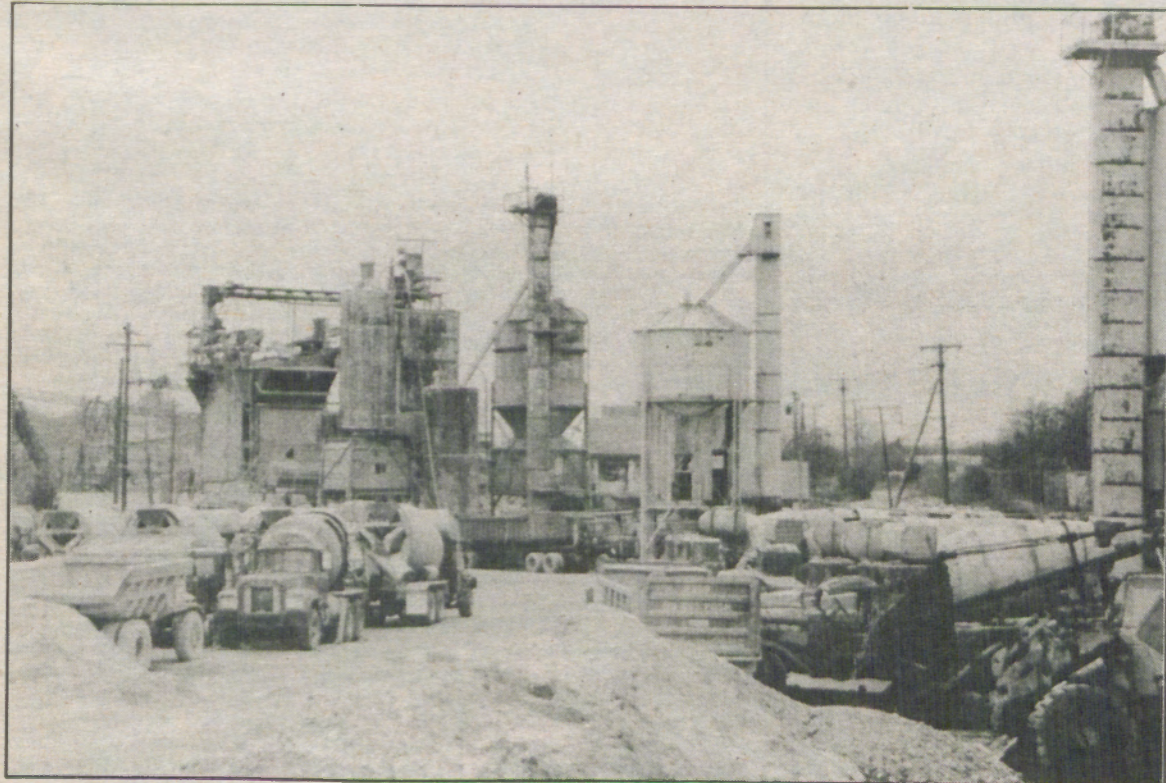
The FY '99 Proposed Operating Budget focuses resources on five priorities: (1) maintaining current service levels and class sizes for an increasing student population; (2) enhancing school and student safety; (3) reducing class sizes in the comprehensive schools; (4) improving compensation for teachers and support staff; and (5) addressing other critical programmatic needs.

Class Size

Maintaining current class sizes and instructional services to accommodate increased enrollment figures in FY '99 is projected to cost \$12.529 million more next year. The student population is expected to escalate by another 2,545 students, which will require \$9.416 million to fund additional teaching personnel, support staff

and materials. Also \$2.015 million is included to cover the cost of two new model comprehensive elementary schools. Transportation costs related to projected enrollment is expected to total \$863,000.

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This photograph of the A.H. Smith Limited Partnership concrete plant operations area was taken by a Greenbelt citizen in 1989. Concrete is a mixture of sand, gravel, Portland cement (kiln dried limestone and clay) and water.

- photo by Rick Meetre

Office Closed On Monday

The News Review office will be closed on Monday, January 19 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The office will be open on Tuesday, January 20 from 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 p.m. (Mail slots are available in both doors to the office.) The deadline for copy and advertising is 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Prince George's County Board of Education Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 1999 Public Hearing
Jan. 21, 7 p.m.
Eleanor Roosevelt High School

What Goes On

Mon., Jan. 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. City offices closed.

Wed., Jan. 21, 7 p.m. Prince George's County School Board Public Budget Hearing, Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

7:30 p.m. Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Community Center.

Advisory Planning Board, Community Center.

Thurs., Jan. 22, 8 p.m. Citizens for Greenbelt meeting, Municipal Building.

Letters

What Went On?

When is a community event worth coverage in the News Review? Certainly a public event organized by Greenbelt volunteers, featuring Greenbelt artists, seeded with funding from City Council, with manpower contributed by City staff, and recognized by contributions from Greenbelt businesses is newsworthy.

Does anybody wonder what went on at Greenbelt New Year (GNY) '98? Did anyone of the 383 people who paid admission, or the 150 - 200 performers, volunteers, and staff who attended expect to see a descriptive article in the January 8 News Review?

In the January 1 News Review GNY '97 was listed as one of the "Top Stories of 1997" (see "All Community New Year's Eve Party"). A follow-up news article on the second year of this city event was one of my expectations.

The Gazette thought enough of GNY '98 to have their reporter brave the cold in Greenbelt East and join "The Grand Procession" which was meant to "symbolize the link between the two parts of town" for their front page article.

The January 8 edition ran a picture on the front page of Doug Love, but without an accompanying article the readers will never know that it is a photo from the procession. The other five photos on page 9 have only their captions to link them to crowds enjoying the sounds ERHS's Dixie and Whirlwind Quintet, the Chromatics or the Greg Mayer Jazz Combo, the witty resolutions on Mike McMullin's "Resolution Wall," the joyous screams of "Bingo!" the wide eyes of children mesmerized by jugglers, harpists, magicians, and storytellers, the faces of the embarrassed karaoke contestants, giggles under the sheet used for the body of the Chinese lion, or the excited mob of kids waiting for the balloons to drop in the Community Center Gym at midnight.

Sadly, unless they attended the event, the regular News Review readers will still not get the story — because it's not in there!

The GNY Committee members feel we are making history. Do the readers of the News Review think so too? The lessons learned meeting — January 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center — may be the forum for some discussion about the coverage — or lack of it — that is indeed newsworthy.

Larry Hilliard
Volunteer
GNY '98 Chairman

Editors Note: We regret that we were not able to cover the event. Our small reporting staff was enjoying the holidays. Even during other times of the year, we depend upon the organizers to provide the stories for most community events, including the Labor Day Festival and many others.



Wildlife Out of Place?

The troublesome situation with deer and beavers in the Greenbelt and BARC area is ironic because, to a certain extent, we have brought it on ourselves inadvertently. We have both pulled and pushed their populations to the present circumstances.

Developing the Maryland countryside into suburbs (Greenbelt just proudly celebrated 60 years of that) created habitat for deer and beavers. The mixture of woods and open space suits them, and their natural predators aren't around any more. No wonder the deer and beavers flourish. (That's the pull.) At the same time we destroy their habitats when we construct a mall or a housing development or a highway.

We forget that, where we build

anew, there already was a community. In this part of the world some of that community's members would be deer, beavers, worms, oaks, crows, asters, foxes, frogs, and so on. When we put buildings or roads there, we destroy their homes; where are they to go? (That's the push.) Then, when the deer and beavers move in with us, some of us get indignant and say that there are too many deer and beavers, and that they are in the wrong place and must leave.

These comments do not contain an answer to the deer and beaver problem, but I hope that they will be kept in mind as Greenbelt and our neighboring municipalities seek an answer that is fair to all.

Elizabeth C. Anderson

Back to Beavers

I was glad to see some reaction in your December 24 issue to my previously posed question: "Who says: beaver-extermination is not an option?"

At this point, I want to add my view to the discussion. In order to do this I submit my profile as it relates to the beaver problem:

1. I like trees very much. Example: over 40 years ago, when the houses in Woodland Hills were being built, all future home-owners went to their individual lots and tied a ribbon around each single tree they wanted saved from the developer's bulldozers. Only in Greenbelt! By the way, Greenbelt's logo prominently displays a tree, not a beaver.

2. When I have pests in my house (such as termites and mice in the past), I turn to a professional exterminator to have them disposed of. The word "profes-

sional" is important: the extermination is carried out without danger to household pets, children or adults. This in reply to a Letter to the Editor in which various (unnecessary) distasteful scenarios re: beaver extermination were avidly conjured up.

3. The word "hypocrite" was brought up by a Letter to the Editor-writer. In my book, every meat-eater who whines about the beavers is a hypocrite. That includes all turkey eaters; only strict vegetarians are excluded.

I have lived over 40 years in Greenbelt, and I am pretty sure that my "beaver-profile" fits the great majority of residents. Conclusion: inform Council that they see to it that the biologist hired to manage the beaver problem is informed that extermination is not only an option, but that it is the most desired option. His task: to take care of it in a professional manner.

Leonie Penney

Thanks

My daughters and I would like to thank all our wonderful friends and neighbors for the cards, calls and loving support you gave us after the death of my husband, Ed. I especially want to thank the Ladies of Charity at St. Hugh's for the luncheon they provided after the memorial service, and the members of the Golden Age Club for their continuing support and love. Also special thanks to the News Review for the article on Ed (he would have enjoyed reading it).

Your kind words and prayers have helped us through this very difficult time.

Thank you,

Barbara Burgoon and daughters Eileen and Kathy

Wrong Century

On January 1, 1998 you printed a letter from Michael Storck regarding "The Old Curmudgeon" column of December 18, 1997. Mr. Storck's letter should have been dated January 1, 1698, when the views he represents were in vogue among the Puritans. Certainly, he does not seem to be aware that he is living at the end of the 20th century, about to enter the 21st. Moreover, he reads into I.J. Parker's column much more than was written, and infers from it much more than was implied. I found the column entertaining and informative. I found the letter neither.

Harry Zubkoff

The Old Curmudgeon



"If NASA finds water on the moon, we can send up the Greenbelt Beavers!"



Martin Luther King Day Waste Collection

Due to Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 19 trash collection AND recycling collection will occur on Tuesday, January 20. Collections will occur as follows:

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| MONDAY | → | TUESDAY |
| TUESDAY | → | WEDNESDAY |
| WEDNESDAY | → | THURSDAY |
| THURSDAY | → | FRIDAY |

There will be no Friday yard debris and appliance pickups. City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 19. For more information, call the Department of Public Works at (301) 474-8004.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m.; Tuesday 8-10 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.



ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, January 21, 1998
7:30 PM

Community Center Senior Class/Conference/Gallery AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome New Members
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Vote on APB Report No. 98-01, Golden Triangle Detailed Site Plan
5. Review Greenbrook Lake Path Plans
6. Request for Departure from Sign Design Standards - Shell Gas Station
7. Board Orientation - Identify issues of interest (e.g., board procedures, County's zoning process and the City's role, etc.)

La Leche League Holds Meeting

The La Leche League of Greenbelt will meet on Tuesday, January 20, at 10 a.m. at the Greenbelt Maternity Center, 9811 Greenbelt Road, Suite 104. The topic of the meeting is "The Normal Course of Breastfeeding." Pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend. Babies are welcome. For more information, please call Gian at 301-604-8504.

Library to Present Family Concert

Patricia Shih, an award-winning singer, will entertain children and families with her high-energy songs at a concert on Saturday, January 24, at 2 p.m. in the lower-level meeting room of the Greenbelt library. Shih has been called by Pete Seeger "a very prolific, wonderful songwriter," and the Friends of the Greenbelt Library (FOGL), who are sponsoring her appearance here, are delighted she could include Greenbelt in her current tour. The concert is free, but members of the audience are encouraged to patronize the Novel Endings bookstore at the Greenbelt library, which is managed and staffed by FOGL. Proceeds from this second-hand bookstore support library programs such as this concert.

New Year Planning Committee Meets

A lessons-learned meeting of the Greenbelt New Year (GNY) 1998 Planning Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Please come prepared with written input if possible to review GNY 98 for next year's planning.

Two major improvements resulted from last year's lessons-learned: family food and activities for teens. The New Deal Annex and Karaoke were both added in response to consideration of these issues.

All Greenbelters are encouraged to consider one of the volunteer positions. New volunteers will infuse new ideas, encourage enough documentation not to re-invent the wheel, and keep the entire planning committee fresh and energetic. The officers have all prepared handbooks for GNY 99 officers and will fully support the new slate of officers in the year's planning. Call Joe McNeal at 301-397-2208 with any questions.

Walk for Fitness Through the Park

Join a Park Ranger on a two mile fitness walk through Greenbelt Park on Saturday, January 17.

Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic area at 10 a.m. For reservations, call 301-344-3944.

New Deal Cafe

Open Fri & Sat 7-11 pm Music 8:30 pm No cover

Friday 1/16 • Jane Doe (Three women & the truth)

Saturday 1/17 • Mike Hamilton (real folk, real rock, real country)

Friday 1/23 Open Mike

Saturday 1/24 Bridges to Bliss (originals for all ages)

Donations for Musicians Encouraged
Greenbelt Community Center
(301) 474-5642

Community Events

Explorations Unlimited

On Friday, January 23, Explorations Unlimited will present "Wild Montana: Hunkpapas, Honyocks, Reds, and Freeman." The presenter is Dr. Robert F. Carbone, Professor Emeritus, at the University of Maryland who recently retired (after a quarter century). He holds a doctorate from the University of Chicago and is widely published.

Dr. Carbone's presentation is a forty-minute historical trip through the Montana territory, from Sitting Bull to Theodore Kaczynski, recounting the struggle of western dissidents against government and corporate authority. Tales of the sometimes real (in the case of Native Americans) or imaginary (in the case of recent militia and Freeman groups) injustices highlight the history of a remote corner of America that is both harsh and beautiful. Raised on the windswept and almost treeless plains of eastern Montana, Professor Carbone will describe the roots of western rugged individualism that sprouted near a town called Plentywood.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1-3 p.m., at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

CFG to Hold Forum On Area Development

Citizens for Greenbelt (CFG) will hold a forum on Thursday, January 22. CFG will present a panel discussion on the development of the Greenbelt metro area. Panelists will include Mayor Pro tem Thomas X. White and Joe Chang of Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Each will have 15 minutes for an opening statement followed by a question and answer period.

Jim Inzeo, CFG president, will be the moderator for the evening. The forum will be held in the city council chambers in the municipal building at 8 p.m. Members and the public are invited to attend. Channel B-10 will televise the event live. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Jim Inzeo at 301-441-2426.

At the Library

Tue., Jan. 20, 7 p.m. - Greenbelt.com class on PC Basics.

Wed., Jan. 21, 2 p.m. - Adult book discussion. Beryl Markham's "West with the Night."

7 p.m. - P. J. Storytime. Ages 4 - 6.

Thurs., Jan. 22, 10:15 a.m. - Drop-in Storytime, ages 3 - 5.

Sat., Jan. 24, 2 p.m. - Singer Patricia Shih in concert. Families/children, age 4 - up.

Two Mile Pet Walk In Greenbelt Park

A two mile pet walk for fitness is offered at Greenbelt Park, Sunday, January 18. Walk with a Park Ranger and enjoy the sights and sounds of winter with man's best friend. Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

This walk is limited to seven people, one dog per person. Dogs must be leashed — please no aggressive dogs.

For reservations, call 301-344-3944.

Greenbelt Astronomy Club Meets Jan. 29

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will be holding its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 29. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the H.B. Owens Science Center at the intersection of Good Luck Road and Greenbelt Road.

Ozone Depletion ... Global Warming ... Big Nasty Meteors ... Now it's "The Gamma-Ray Bursts of Doom." At this meeting of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club, Dr. Jerry Bonnell of the Gamma-Ray Observatory Science Support Center will present an introduction to this provocative and controversial topic. What are gamma-ray bursts? What is known about them? And what would happen if one occurred close to the Earth? Those interested can find the article in February's "Sky & Telescope" written by Dr. Bonnell and Dr. Peter Leonard.

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club meets in the H.B. Owens Science Center at 7:30 p.m. on the last non-holiday Thursday of each month. More information about the club can be found by visiting their web site at: <http://lhea-www.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/outreach/gac/GAC.html>

Gray Panthers Meet

The Gray Panthers of Greenbelt will meet on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the senior classroom of the Community Center (a new meeting place for the group). The topic of the meeting is charter schools and vouchers and their impact on the jobs of classified employees necessary to the functioning of the Prince George's County school system. All who are concerned about the impact of less public money for public schools are invited to attend.

To learn more about the Gray Panthers or to obtain further information, call 301-474-6890 or 301-474-6668.

Greenbelt.com Sponsors Lecture

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative, better known as Greenbelt.com, will have the latest in its series of free classes on Tuesday, January 20. The subject of this class will be PC Basics and be held at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Greenbelt library, co-sponsor of this class series. The speaker for the evening will be the GIAC webmaster Neil McLeod. The format for this class will be a lecture that covers basic personal computer components, operating systems and terminology.

Although not required, Greenbelt.com requests that persons planning to attend make reservations if possible. Call Tom Crompton at 301-596-3237.

Kindergarten Open House Scheduled

Greenbelt Nursery School & Kindergarten is inviting children eligible for kindergarten during the 1998-99 school year and their parents to an Open House January 21 and 22, from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. The Open House will provide an opportunity to see the children working in an active learning environment with the teacher and one another. Spaces are limited; visits may be scheduled by calling the school at 301-474-5570.

Parents will be able to attend a kindergarten information night on Thursday, January 22, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. to meet with the kindergarten teacher and the director for an informative discussion about the philosophy and curriculum of the school, followed by a question-and-answer session.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF JAN. 16

Eve's Bayou R Bean PG13

All seats \$2.00

Bean

Fri., Mon. 5:30

(Mon. all seats \$1)

Sat., Sun. 3:30, 5:30

Eve's Bayou

Fri., Sat., Sun. 7:30, 9:40

Mon.-Thurs. 7:30

(Mon. all seats \$1)

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by Robert Bolt, Directed by Jack Wibbe

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Greenbelt Connection Holiday

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Monday, January 19 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day. For more information, call the Greenbelt Connection at (301) 474-4100

Application for Membership Citizens For Greenbelt

Yes! I'd like to join - or renew - my Citizens For Greenbelt membership.
I'd like to help CFG by serving on the following committee(s) (Circle area(s) of interest.)
Transportation, Health & Safety, Planning & Zoning, Membership

Enclosed is a check or money order made payable to CFG.

Dues @ \$2.00/person _____ Name _____
Add'l. contribution _____ Address _____
Total Enclosed _____ Phone _____

Send to: P.O. Box 1028, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Kindergarten Open House

At
Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten

Visit Us:

January 21 and 22
9:15a.m. - 10:45a.m.

Kindergarten Information Night
for Parents

Thursday, January 22, 1998
7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.

- Fully accredited ½ day program
- Low Student/Teacher ratio
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Call (301) 474-5570
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OBITUARIES

Ina Betts

Ina Betts, age 102, died of heart failure on January 3 at her home on Ridge Road. She had lived in Greenbelt for over 15 years.

A native of New York state, Mrs. Betts attended Oberlin College in Ohio, graduating with a degree in physical education. She came to Washington, D.C. in 1921 and taught "gymnasium" to the ladies at the YWCA for one year.

In 1922 she and T. Richard Betts were married. They lived in Ohio, Michigan and, in the 30s, came to Maryland. After her marriage Mrs. Betts stayed home with her family. Shortly before World War II she began to work for the government as a clerk in the War Department. She retired at age 70.

At the time of her retirement they lived in Glenn Dale where she was active in the Glenn Dale Senior Citizens. When keeping up their nine acre yard became too much for them, they moved to Greenbelt in 1980. Her husband died in 1986.



Ina Betts at the age of 100

Mrs. Betts continued to live alone. According to her daughter, Geraldine, she valued her independence and felt it was important to maintain it. She manifested this independence right up to the last. Also she maintained her strength up to three days before she died and she died with dignity in her own home with members of her family around her. When it became evident that she was losing her strength, her daughter Dorothy came from New Mexico to stay with her, arriving five days before Mrs. Betts died.

Her daughter Geraldine describes her as quiet but firm; she knew what she wanted to do. All of her descendants respected "grandmother," as they called her. They gathered for holidays (All but her daughter and family from New Mexico lived within 50 miles of her). She was very proud of her family and was very close to them. Her birthday was a special day to her family. Then everyone came to celebrate; it was a family reunion.

On her 100th birthday her family held a big family party in the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Mrs. Betts outlived two of her grandsons. She is survived by daughters Geraldine Tidler, Greenbelt, and Dorothy Aldrow, Deming, New Mexico; grandchildren D. Anne Caruthers, Tucson, Arizona; Richard Tidler, Clear Spring, MD; Bettysy Wermine, West River, MD; Sara Crew,

Prince Frederick, MD; and Jane Schaub, Chesapeake Beach, MD; 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Gasch's Funeral Home, Hyattsville on January 6. Interment was at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery.

Margaret M. Loftus

Margaret (Peg) Loftus, 7 Court Crescent Road, an original Greenbelter, died at home Tuesday, January 13. She was 91.

A wake will be held on Friday, January 16 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, January 17 at 10:15 a.m. at St. Hugh's Catholic church.

All Class Reunion At Holy Redeemer

Holy Redeemer School of College Park will host a reunion of all graduates on Saturday evening, March 14. The reunion will be held in Holy Redeemer parish's "Four Seasons Room" from 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

The last Holy Redeemer all class reunion was held in 1993 and approximately 200 Holy Redeemer alumni attended.

For more information about this year's reunion, please contact reunion coordinator Frank Lattanzi, 301-441-8842.

Dinner to Celebrate Dr. King's Birthday

The public is invited to a dinner and program in celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday to be held at the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church on the evening of Saturday, January 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Other participating groups include Sojourner Truth Congregation, Bowie Unitarian Church, and the Greenbelt Baha'i Community.

There is a small fee for the chicken dinner plus a side dish is requested. The program will include performances by the Bowie Fellowship choir, the Paint Branch choir, and the Baha'i Youth Workshop. Child care will be provided. Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi.

For information regarding directions and the per person fee call Jim Fischer at (h) 301-474-4090 or (w) 301-286-3465.

Fun at Goddard

There will be a free model rocket launch on Sunday, January 18 at 1 p.m. at the Goddard Visitor Center. The launch is weather permitting. Call 301-286-8981 for more information. The Visitor Center is located on Soil Conservation Road.

Hundreds of Toys Delivered to Hospital

"Toyland Express" and WETA TV 26's "Arthur" delivered hundreds of toys to children in Prince George's Hospital Center on Friday, December 19. "Toyland Express" is a special toy drive sponsored by Combined Properties, Inc., WETA TV 26, and 24 Combined Properties shopping centers in Prince George's, Montgomery and Fairfax Counties. Customers were asked to drop off new, unwrapped toys to any of the participating shopping centers, one of which was Greenway Center, between November 26 and December 14 for "Arthur" to distribute to the children in the hospital.

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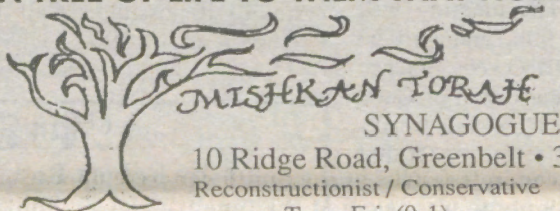
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The Smith concrete plant area as seen from the CSX Railroad in 1989. Much of this facility had to be relocated or removed for the construction of Metrorail.

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process is handled should be written. This would serve as guidance for staff in consistently and fairly applying the standards for membership when reviewing applications and making recommendations to the board.

Announcements

Staff will be inspecting trees in common areas and marking diseased and dead trees with ribbons. Members are asked not to remove these markers.

The installation of gas heating system with central air conditioning in a test home has been completed, with apparently no disruption.

The new maintenance computer system, MAXIMO, is now fully in use.

TV Special Highlight Cerebral Palsy

On Sunday, Jan. 18, United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) presents its first-ever blockbuster television special from noon to 6 p.m. on WJZ-TV, Channel 13. Called Star Fest '98, the program will feature local talent.

An Evening of Greek Dancing Scheduled

The dance party will be held at the dance studio in the Greenbelt Community Center on Sunday, January 18, and will run from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be offered. There is no admission charge for the event, but those attending are encouraged to bring a snack item to share during the break.

Learn Strategies To Quit Smoking

Laurel Regional Hospital is sponsoring a free, four-session smoke cessation program on January 20, 22, 27 and 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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HISTORY

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elementary schools. Transportation costs related to projected enrollment is expected to total \$863,000.

School Safety

\$1.386 million is in the budget to enhance school and student safety. These funds will be used to install and maintain alarm systems, and expand weekend and evening security support; to expand instructional support; and to enhance student attendance programs. A Saturday School Program as an alternative to student suspension is proposed.

Non-magnet Schools

The budget includes \$8.677 million to reduce class sizes to 25 students per class and to fund all-day kindergarten; full-time media specialist support; and enhanced staff development and instructional materials for pupils not enrolled in magnet programs, Milliken II schools or model comprehensive schools. A \$20.377 million reserve for salary negotiations is proposed, a significant portion of which will be targeted to improving compensation for teachers.

Critical Requirements

\$5.691 million is included for critical instructional requirements. Among these are: funding to enhance reading through expansion of the Reading Recovery Program for additional Academy of Reading sites; increasing textbook funding;



Residue from concrete trucks at the Smith concrete operation was dumped, creating a vast wasteland. This 1989 photo was taken at the time when A.H. Smith Limited Partnership was appealing the right of the Maryland Department of Environment to impose stricter standards for water discharge into a tributary of Indian Creek.

- photo by Rick Meetre

enhancement of staff development programs, including certification of provisional teachers, a master teacher training program, and comprehensive technology training. Other funds will be used to expand the Distance Learning Program to seven additional sites; increase school-based OASIS and learning enrichment programs; provide for dedicated bus drivers to ensure activity-bus availability and to provide for full-time health service

coverage in every elementary school. Employee pension benefits are also slated to be improved. Other funds will provide facility improvements and permanently fix aging and leaking roofs and improve bus lots and support other education enhancement programs.

Public Hearing

A public hearing beginning at 7

p.m. has been scheduled for January 21 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Copies of the proposed budget are available at all County public schools and libraries. For additional information about the budget, call Susan Hubbard at 301-952-6795. To register to speak at the public hearing, call the Board

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A Review

This Season Is a Long One

by Collette Zanin

Have you heard that an average adult has a twenty-minute attention span? Even at the theater, at about the twenty-minute mark, attendees begin to shift in their seats, clear their throats, and generally see their attention wander.

When the object of attention is riveting, the task of refocusing and returning to the topic at hand becomes easier, which is why it's possible to present talks or productions that last longer than 20 minutes. However, when a presentation is less than riveting, time can become an ordeal as focus wanes.

These thoughts crop up in relation to the Greenbelt Arts Center's current offering, "A Man For All Seasons," directed by Jack Wibbe. Given cause to drift, a restless mind becomes open to noticing what it might otherwise let pass: uninspired costuming, a lackluster set, and a fidgety director. When the centerpiece isn't strong enough, other aspects fall under closer scrutiny, rarely to their advantage.

Highbrow Concept

The script of "A Man For All Seasons" by Robert Bolt is a period piece, an exercise in philosophical debate, as well as a showcase for the English language. Because this play's subject is highbrow and rather defined in scope, superior casting and nearly brilliant delivery would be required to support its weight. When these elements are in doubt, as in this instance, time isn't your friend as the play labors near the three-hour mark.

The historical storyline, set in England in 1529, concerns the inability of Sir Thomas More, Chancellor of England, to go along with King Henry VIII's desire to divorce Catherine, who has not borne sons, and marry Anne, who might give him a male heir. When the Pope denies the request and King Henry subsequently intends to break away from the Roman Church, Thomas More finds himself on the wrong side of popular opinion. His struggle to maintain profound religious beliefs in the face of intolerable pressure is the central plot of "A Man For All Seasons."

The Players

The production has a fairly

large cast, which portrays a number of intricate, overlapping relationships. Unfortunately, some of the casting picks are poor, lessening the effectiveness of the show by highlighting unevenness among the players. Even its stronger actors have trouble maintaining momentum, appearing pulled down by both the complex script and deficient energy in key remaining cast.

As Thomas More, linchpin of the play, Steve Cox truly appears to be immersed in the character's dilemma, his face increasingly creased with the pain of great internal struggle. In "Season's" most important role, Cox generates sufficient tension for drawing audience empathy to this man's plight.

Professional and thorough, Sheilah Crossley-Cox ably holds her own as the wife of Thomas More, alternating realistically between powerful lover for her husband and bitter frustration over the personal cost of supporting his controversial convictions. The couple's daughter, portrayed by Lauren Zambreny, is flat by contrast, and comes across as rather expressionless, considering her family's predicament.

Norm Gleichman as Thomas Cromwell is deliciously suited to his role, ever so subtly injecting lines with rich irony, while his face slyly suggests seedier motives. But on opening night, even Gleichman's spirit lagged toward the final scenes, suggesting that the night wore on too long for even the best of its cast.

Playing the Duke of Norfolk, John Bradley is natural, imbuing his character with thoughtful dignity as he endeavors to be a supportive friend to Thomas More. His frustrated reactions, including a number of eye-rolling moments, mimic unrehearsed flair.

Attempting the substantial role of Richard Rich, Kevin Faherty falls short in his reach, failing to connect with the character's essence. Rich is purportedly an ambitious, yet devious young man who works his way up through the king's ranks by courting the right people. Faherty's depiction lacked depth and genuine understanding of the character's nature.

An absence of fire undercut this show and most of its re-

GAC Presents Play In Theater Festival

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) is sponsoring a group competing in the 1997 Maryland Community Theater Festival and Competition. The festival takes place this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Prince George's Publick Playhouse in Cheverly. The cast representing the GAC will perform "Apollo Redux," a one-act play written by Greenbelt native James Riordon.

Sherry Hurry and Scott Graham lead the cast, which includes Mike Dudzick and long time GAC participant Norma Ozur. Owen Kelly, another Greenbelt local, provides cello accompaniment for the performance.

Ten Maryland theaters sponsor the 13 short plays that make up this year's community theater festival. Two of the plays will be selected to proceed to further competition in the Eastern States Theater Association (ESTA) Regional Festival in April. GAC's "A Way with Words" won the Best Performance Award, the highest festival honor, in last year's Maryland Community Theater Festival.

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maining cast who, while efficient, did not create especially compelling characterizations. Loving either this particular play or related history would likely be necessary for actors to find motivation to breathe life into it and engage an audience. Though it's obvious that effort on and offstage went into this production, it isn't clear by the results that much passion did.

"A Man For All Seasons" continues Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through January 31 and January 18 and 25 at 2 p.m.



Cast members of "Apollo Redux", the Arts Center's entry in the one-act play contest, are, from left, bottom row, Mike Dudzick, Sherry Hurry and Scott Graham, top row Norma Ozur, James Riordon, and Owen Kelly.

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GHI Board and Realtors Discuss Methods to Boost Home Sales

by Hopi Auerbach

Greenbelt Homes Incorporated (GHI) General Manager Gretchen Overdurff invited several realtors who handle GHI homes to attend the December 18, 1997, Board meeting and offer ideas to better promote the sale of GHI homes.

GHI President, Keith Jahoda, asked realtors Kim Kash of ERA Five Star Properties, Jeannie Smith and Leonard Wallace, both of Realty 1, Shelly West of Realty Executives and Tim Uber of Long & Foster to introduce themselves. Jahoda then opened the discussion with the observation that GHI has always taken pride in billing itself as an "owner-occupied" community.

Uber asserted that some kind of arrangement that allows potential buyers to move into a home on a temporary lease basis, until they are at the "purchase threshold," enables sellers to fill empty houses sooner. Realtors agreed that such an arrangement would help fill vacancies faster. Deitch replied that, "There is no way we'll ever again have anyone move in before settlement," because of an incident in which the lessor defaulted on the agreement to buy. Deitch added that houses are also often damaged by tenants.

Jahoda asked Wallace if, in his experience, rent-with-option-to-buy arrangements tend to be successful. Under rent/option, a tenant moves into a property for a specified period of time, pays a deposit and rent to the owner, and if, at the end of the rental period, wants to buy the house, is able to do so. If not, the renter moves out.

Under lease/purchase, another arrangement, a potential home buyer not yet able to buy

gets approval from a bank for financing the house at a specified time in the future, contingent upon meeting financial goals set forth by the lender. In the meantime, the future buyer moves into the house on a temporary lease basis until the time of purchase. Since a contract is signed, the lessor would be guilty of breach of contract if he or she fails to purchase the house at the time agreed upon. Most realtors advise the sellers to require a large deposit from the lessor, which is forfeited in case of a default.

Kash added that if clients are able to move in before the purchase is final, they will see how desirable GHI is and be more determined to buy here.

When Deitch asked about guarantees that a lease/purchaser will eventually go to settlement, Uber conceded that there isn't one. Deitch then responded, "If we require them to settle before they move in, then we know they will settle."

Board member Chuck Hess reported that 76 GHI homes — or 5% — are currently on the market (one of them since 1992). While admitting that deferred settlement is "riskier," he said it is important to fill the vacancies "to protect our sense of community more than our architecture."

Wallace said that vacant homes do not present a problem to the community in Greenbelt: certainly to the owner who is trying to sell, but not to GHI.

Jahoda then asked how to address the perception that it's expensive to live in GHI, when actually the co-op fee covers taxes and "condo fee" in one check. There were no suggestions from the realtors present,

but subsequent interviews revealed that at least two of them actually think the co-op fee is too high.

Smith defended GHI Contract Processor Kathy Linkenhoker from the accusation that the membership process takes too long. "Kathy closes as fast as I can sell them," he said.

One suggestion in a letter from George Cantwell of American Realty, Inc. elicited agreement from some of the realtors present. Most concurred that the administrative fee of \$785 that sellers must pay to GHI is an obstacle. Smith said the fee GHI charges out-going members makes them angry. Some home-sellers have characterized it as a "hoop" they have to jump through in order to "get out." She felt it would be to GHI's advantage to "try not to get people so angry at GHI when they leave," and it would help if there were at least an explanation available to sellers detailing what the fee is for.

Overdurff responded that the \$785 doesn't even cover the cost of administrative time spent on sales. She said GHI must inspect the home for "market readiness," which alone typically costs \$275, then get the member to actually carry out the required improvements, verify the prospective buyers' employment, and so on.

A barrage of ideas for marketing GHI then issued forth from those attending the meeting. Board member Steve Harper said ads should be targeted to people who would be interested in a co-op, i.e. liberals-with-no-kids-who-don't-value-having-a-fancy-house, and cited public radio as a way to reach them. Uber, who said

some of his buyers were people who use the Aquatic and Fitness Center, suggested distributing flyers at other attractions in Greenbelt. He also proposed developing an attractive, distinctly "GHI" sign pointing to houses for sale.

Kash said GHI inspection should be more critical. She told of an inspection report that said some wallpaper should be "patched," when there was no way that could look good, and that a portion of a metal fence should be re-painted when the fence was thickly covered with vines. Linkenhoker said the video she shows to home buyers needs to be re-done, and that she would like to take GHI flyers to Goddard Space Flight Center and other places of work. Harper said employees of the new USDA facility could get financing for GHI homes from their credit union.

Masonry Crack Report

GHI Engineer Jay Freedman submitted a report outlining the complex factors that contribute to cracking in the walls of GHI brick and block homes, and some of the corrective measures that have been recommended by experts and tried in the past. Freedman's report says, "GHI is well on its way to developing standard plaster repair techniques for persistent cracking conditions." Deitch asked about the ramifications of cracks under siding, and Freedman answered that they do not really constitute structural damage to the house. In fact, he said, with a few exceptions, cracks in GHI masonry homes are not threatening the structures. Even where a few rare cinder blocks have cracked all the way around and wiggled out, it still is not dangerous.

Flautist V. Nanzetta To Perform Sunday

On Sunday, January 18, at 3 p.m., outstanding local flautist and Grammy Award nominee, Virginia Nanzetta, will perform a recital of nineteenth and twentieth century solo works accompanied by Carl Banner on piano.

The recital will take place at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi, where there is ample free parking. Works by Boulanger, Gaubert, Taktashvili, Karg-Elert and Burton will be included on the program and a small donation is suggested at the door.

For further information as to directions or the suggested donation amount, call 301-937-3666.

He said interior crack repairs should last at least from one decorating change to the next, or about 10 years.

Manager's Performance Evaluation Process

It was decided that the evaluation of Overdurff's performance will take place in a specially scheduled executive session, to be held either on Wednesday, January 21 or Thursday, January 29. Members should give any input they have for the evaluation to a Board member prior to the meeting.

All eight board members were present at the meeting. There is currently one vacancy due to Alan Turnbull's resignation following his election to Greenbelt City Council. The remaining members are President Keith Jahoda, Vice President Julia Eichhorst, Secretary Dorothy Lauber, Betty Deitch, Steve Harper, Chuck Hess, Susan Ready, and John Taylor.

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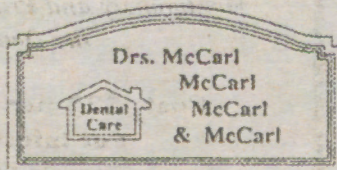


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SCHOOL

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Alfred Lindseth, representing the county, in his closing statement indicated that the testimony at this trial provided the strongest case for unitary status." (Unitary status indicates that the court relinquishes control of the schools.) Control should be returned to the elected school board and the county; there is not justifiable support for continued supervision.

Lindseth stated that half of the trial was taken up with quality of education issues, an achievement gap between black and white students. He stated that the gap is a concern but that it exists in every school district in the State. Messitte injected a question asking who has the burden of proof regarding the cause of this gap. Lindseth countered that the plaintiff has the burden to prove that gaps are caused by vestiges of segregation. In an expert panel report it was noted that these gaps are present even before children start school. The panel did not assign a cause to the gap.

Lindseth indicated that Nussbaum and the school board are not willing to depend on the political and economic willingness of the county to approve a transition plan for moving out of court supervision. However, that is what all school districts in the country do. Prince George's county should not be one of the only districts in the nation needing court supervision. An additional factor is that the court cannot order the state to provide funds to build new schools and end busing as the state is not a party to the suit. Lindseth indicated that there would not be a wholesale movement of children into overcrowded neighborhood schools, but that as new schools are built, children will return to neighborhood schools.

Plaintiff

Patricia Brannan represented the plaintiffs, the NAACP. In her closing argument, she indicated that the question of student assignment was at the heart of the original decision, i.e., that students were to be transferred to schools to balance the racial distribution of the schools. In her estimation, the school system never met that goal in any year. The magnet school program sought to assist by increasing numbers of white students in predominantly black schools. But this program has never been evaluated. In addition, the county has not pledged to continue support of the magnet program.

Brannan pointed to "thousands" of administrative transfers of students made without thought to racial balance, which she considered a serious violation of the earlier agreement, as Judge Kaufman (the judge who heard the earlier trials) had indicated that all decisions should take desegregation into account. Her information is that there are significant numbers of white people in attendance areas, but not in the schools, indicating that a significant number of white pupils are being allowed to transfer to other schools, often for after-school child care.

The NAACP feels that de-

segregation is not in the forefront of activities in the school system. School superintendent Jerome Clark had stated that "what gets measured, gets taught." Brannan suggested that if desegregation activities were being measured, they would be succeeding better. The county has proposed sites for several new schools, but Brannan noted that there is evidence that many of the new schools will be in areas where desegregation is unlikely. Again it appears that desegregation was not taken into account with the planning of new schools. The NAACP is interested in having black children moved to schools in their neighborhoods when they are already in racially-isolated schools, but not necessarily when they are in currently-integrated schools.

Another issue is with faculty. Brannan argued that the racial mix of the teachers has more black teachers in black schools. She referred to a witness who said that there are sometimes positive vibes between a principal and a new teacher. This may lead to blacks hiring more blacks and encouraging white parents to seek other schools. This has to be investigated and overcome. Clark testified that there are problems keeping white teachers in some schools. There should be specialized assistance to make them feel more comfortable. Perhaps teachers should get incentives to teach in certain schools. Teacher salaries are lower than in some surrounding jurisdictions; the school board requested an increase in teacher salaries in 1996 but the county council turned it down.

Much progress has been made in some areas and the county should be applauded, according to Brannan. These areas include extra-curricular activities, transportation issues, discipline, and special education. However, there is a concern that there is little written

policy in these areas.

Brannan took exception with Lindseth's contention that quality of education is outside of the scope of the desegregation issue. She states that black students became entitled to excellent education by settling in 1985 for the addition of Millikin II and Magnet schools, both intended to improve the quality of education. However, the effectiveness of these special programs has not been tested to date. Brannan asked if Prince George's county was really willing to accept a lower standard of education for poor and African-American students. Countering the county's contention that lower education achievement is a factor of poverty and not race, she argued that the new schools will isolate students by both race and poverty.

Brannan then continued with what the NAACP feels the court can do now. 1. Issue an order that there will be no ruling until the court is provided with a detailed plan including funding. 2. Order the parties to pull policies together for the areas that are already in agreement and the court could then release jurisdiction over those activities. 3. Have all parties work on a transition plan for the more difficult areas. She commented that positive work has been accomplished since 1996 but only because the judge mandated it. The NAACP is not naive in noting that a large increase in budget for school construction came about on the day of Prince George's County Executive Curry's testimony. The court must continue to supervise activities to keep changes happening.

Final comments

At that point Nussbaum agreed to the proposal for a transitional plan to be agreed upon before the Judge's ruling. Messitte then asked him if any changes could go into effect in the next school year. Nussbaum replied that some

changes could possibly happen but that school construction cannot, and a decrease in busing could not begin in 1998. During the rebuttal, Nussbaum commented that there is no evidence that white parents are fleeing black schools. Day care is the major issue. In response to the issue of siting of new schools, he indicated that the schools were to be located close to the neighborhoods as requested.

In the final rebuttal, Lindseth countered the issue of race and poverty by stating findings that show that when poverty is accounted for, black students perform as well as white students, thus making educational quality a non-race issue. If deficiencies cannot be linked to a vestige of segregation, then the court should leave remedies to the school system. The county once had 100,000 white students, now there are only 20,000 with 1,500 leaving the system each year. School districts are not supposed to be under court order in a democracy. African-American citizens have full political participation in this county, Lindseth concluded.

Judge Messitte

Messitte addressed the lawyers by stating that if there are areas of agreement, finalize them without a briefing to him. "Just do it" and partially settle the case. Also, Messitte indicated that he will "clearly" decide the issue by June 1. He wants the decision then and some changes to be implemented for the 1998/99 school year. Then he complimented the counsels on the quality of the cases and their deportment. He commented that this case concerns "one of the 20th Century's most important issues" and he was happy that the press was there to keep the public informed, providing an important contribution to the case.

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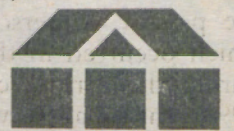
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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI Board of Directors

Thursday, January 22, 1998

7:30 P.M.

GHI Board Room

Key Agenda Items:

GHI

- Heating Option Study - Specifications Discussion
- Tax Appeal Update Discussion
- Annual Meeting Date Discussion

Board meetings are open to members.

POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Armed Robbery

Chi Chi's Restaurant, Jan. 5, 2:51 p.m. An armed robbery occurred. The robber entered the restaurant and asked for an employment application, according to Greenbelt Police. After he received the application form, he announced the robbery and demanded to be taken to the manager's office. He demanded that the manager put money into a backpack he had brought. The manager complied. The robber warned the manager not to call police for two minutes and fled on foot. The robber is described as a black male, about 17 years of age, 5'11" and 150 pounds. He was wearing a blue and white plaid flannel shirt, blue jeans, a black Whitesox baseball cap, carrying a black backpack and a chrome semi-automatic handgun.

9100 block of Edmonston Terrace, Jan. 8, 12:14 a.m. An armed robbery occurred when two men approached another man in the parking lot. One of them produced a small silver knife and demanded the third man's money. The other robber searched the victim and removed money from his pocket. The two men then fled on foot toward Edmonston Court. The suspects are described as two black males, 17-20. One was 5'8", 160 lbs., wore a black sweater with hood and a black ski mask, and carried a knife. The other was 6'0", 130 lbs. and wore a gray/black camouflage headband.

Assaults

Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Cherrywood Lane, Jan. 3, 9:15 a.m. Two juvenile victims reported an assault. According to police, they were playing basketball when they were approached by another juvenile they knew. The suspect began calling the victims names and then punched them in the chest, not injuring them. A resident male, 16, was arrested for assault.

38 Court of Ridge (or Crescent) Road, Jan. 6, 6 a.m. An assault and burglary were reported. The victim was leaving her residence when her ex-boyfriend came out of the laundry room, where he had apparently been waiting for her. He grabbed her around the throat, forced her back into her home and released her. He then took their 16-month-old child and the child's mattress and left, saying that the victim would never see the child again. An arrest warrant was obtained charging the suspect, a nonresident, with assault and burglary. The warrant was turned over to the county Sheriff's Office for service.

6100 Breezewood Court, Jan. 7, 4:42 p.m. A juvenile girl and a young woman became involved in a physical altercation. The girl kicked the victim in the nose, not causing any serious injury.

Drugs and Tobacco

Springhill Lake Shopping Center, Jan. 5, 4:40 p.m. An officer arrested a 17-year-old

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resident for possession of a tobacco product after he observed him smoking a cigar. The juvenile was then released to the custody of his mother pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Greenbelt Road near Lakecrest Drive, Jan. 6, 3:03 a.m. An officer stopped a non-resident for a traffic violation. While speaking to the driver, the officer smelled the odor of phencyclidine. He then searched the driver and found parsley soaked in phencyclidine. Diazepam and paraphernalia were also discovered. The driver was arrested, charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of paraphernalia.

Weapon Charge

TGI Fridays, Jan. 6. A 17-year-old non-resident juvenile was arrested for carrying a concealed dangerous weapon after he was found to have a three-inch lock-blade knife in his possession. He had been involved in a fist fight with the restaurant manager, and the police had been called for that incident. He was released to his mother pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Disorderly Conduct

Jan. 5, 4:45 p.m., Springhill Lake Shopping Center, a 14-year-old resident was arrested for disorderly conduct after he caused a crowd of 20 to 30 youths to gather in the area as an officer was arresting the juvenile in the above incident. The juvenile became loud, and the crowd became hostile toward the officers apparently as a result of his conduct. He was asked to desist in his disorderly actions, but refused to do so and was arrested. After his arrest he was released to the custody of his mother pending action by the juvenile justice system. The

crowd was successfully dispersed after the arrest.

Jan. 7, 8:23 p.m., near Roosevelt Center, after an officer observed him urinating in an underpass, a Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with littering.

Burglaries, Thefts and Vandalisms

Marriott Hotel at 6400 Ivy Lane, Jan. 4, 1:18 a.m. An officer observed a man leaning into a vehicle through its broken window and removing property. The officer, with his trained canine, approached the man who then ran. The officer warned the suspect to stop or the canine would be released. When the suspect failed to stop, the canine was released and apprehended him. The 18-year-old suspect, a nonresident was arrested, charged with theft and malicious destruction and released pending trial.

22 Crescent Road, Jan. 1. Someone made a forced entry through a ground level window into a storeroom, but didn't take anything.

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Jan. 2. Someone gained entry to a residence through a window and took a cellular phone.

6000 block of Springhill Drive, Jan. 2. Electronics were taken by a burglar, without forced entry.

6200 block of Springhill Court, Jan. 4. Someone threw a rock through a window.

7900 block of Mandan Road, Jan. 4. Two bicycles were taken from a storeroom.

7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, an attempted burglary of an office suite was reported to have occurred some time between Christmas Eve and this date. Someone attempted entry by prying the office door.

7 Court of Ridge Road, Jan. 7. Appliances and exercise equipment were taken from an unoccupied home. There were no signs of forced entry.

47 Court of Ridge Road, Jan. 7. Some unknown person(s) gained entry to a residence by

climbing a stack of lawn chairs and crawling through an unsecured second-story bedroom window. Jewelry was taken.

Greenbelt Library at 11 Crescent Road, Jan. 8. Ten videocassettes were reported taken. The suspect had, on the morning of Jan. 7, removed the tapes from the rack and exited via the rear door.

6100 block of Breezewood Court, Jan. 8. A cellular phone was taken from a residence.

Vehicle Thefts

Jan. 3, 54 Court of Ridge Road, a green 1994 Ford Tempo with Maryland tags WTE 356 was stolen. On the same date, 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, a white Mercury Sable with New Jersey tags FOI 47N was stolen. Also, a 1991 Toyota Previa Van which had been reported stolen on Dec. 29, 1997 from the 100 block of Research Road was recovered by the Bladensburg police in the 5200 block of Newton Street. No arrests were made.

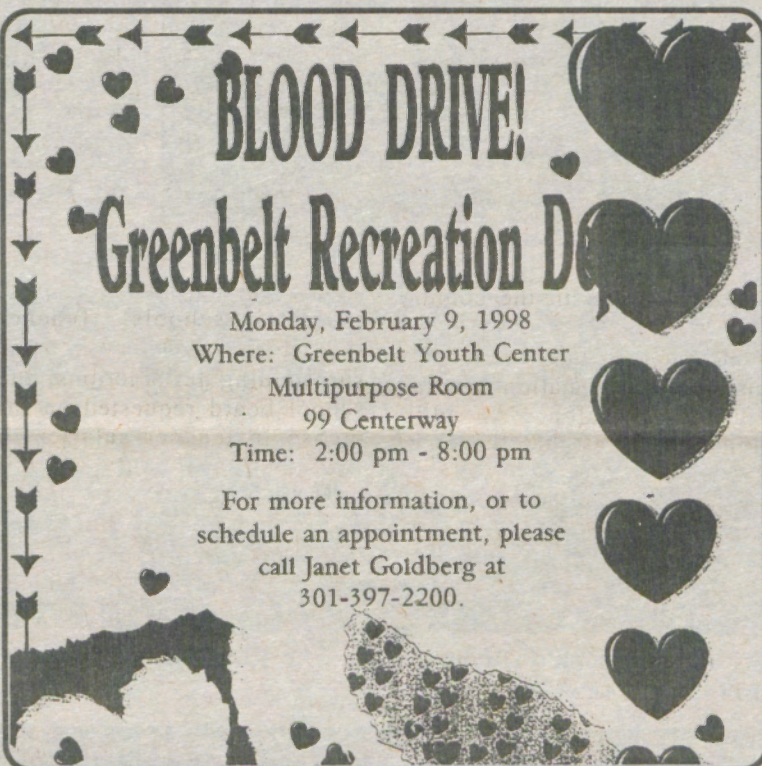
Other vehicle thefts were: Jan. 4, 7900 block of Mandan Road, a 1997 Haulmark trailer with Illinois tag 6853ALTA and on Jan. 5, 6400 block of Capi-

tol Drive, a 1986 Pontiac Grand Prix (recovered without an arrest by the Prince George's County Police on Jan. 7 in the 4300 block of Riverdale Road in Riverdale an arrest).

On Jan. 7, a 1995 BMW, reported stolen on July 12, 1997 from the 9300 block of Edmonston Road, was recovered by the Baltimore Police Department and on Jan. 8, a resident notified police that the 1991 Chevrolet Blazer reported stolen on Dec. 30, 1997 from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane, is now known to have been repossessed instead.

Vandalisms and Thefts

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempts of theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 block of Mandan Rd., 7100 block of Matthew St., 6000 block of Springhill Drive, 9100 block of Springhill Court, 6300 block of Golden Triangle Drive, 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, 6400 block of Ivy Lane, 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, 9100 and 9300 blocks of Edmonston Road, 7800 block of Hanover Parkway, 6000 block of Cherrywood Terrace and 6000 block of Greenbelt Road.



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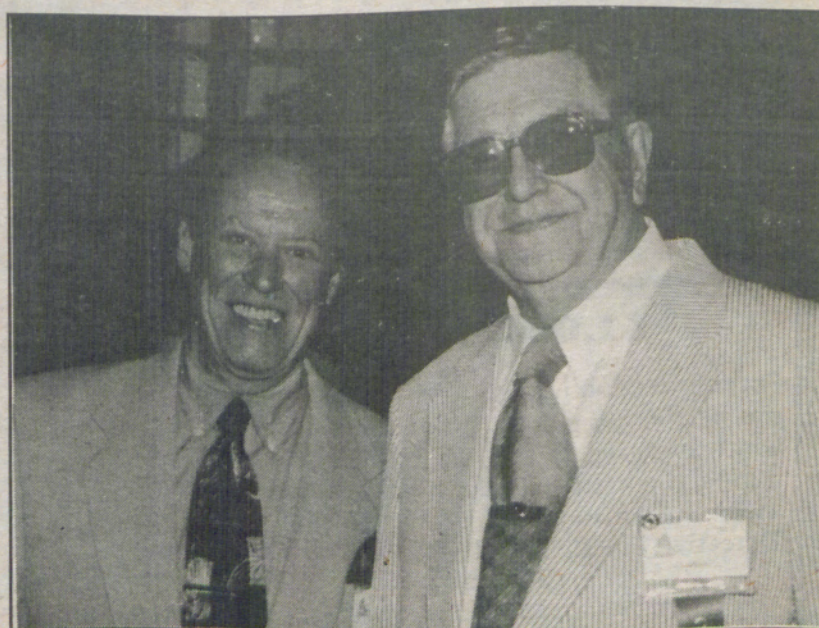
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Mr. and Mrs. George Schaefer and daughter (left) with Patty (Clute) King.



Mayor Toni Bram and Christine Ullrich.

Dinner Dance Oct. 19, 1997



Fran (Lastner) Arnold, Frank Schrom and John Martone.



Ralph Bram and Bob Lauber.



Josephine (Singer) Ross with Petey Boggs.



Marion (Benson) and Sam Hastings.



Eleanor Ritter with daughter Helen Ritter.



Rhonda (Bibbler) Fiste and Petey Boggs.

Thanks to Pioneer kids for identifying their childhood chums: Bill Donahue, Bob Sommers, Ruth (Schwab) Myers, Donnie Wolfe, Joyce (Bates) Mangum, Kathleen (Scott) McFarland and Pauline (StMartins) Bordas.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club will be held on Wednesday, January 21,

at the Multi-purpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center and will be the January birthdays celebration. Finger foods will be welcomed.

It was standing room only at the January 7 meeting when the 1998 Club officers were installed by Recreation Dept. Director Hank Irving. As always he had warm words of praise for the Goldenagers. New President Irene Hensel spoke and asked the help of all the members in 1998.

John Taylor, travel chairman, provided information sheets on the trips scheduled during the first quarter of the year. On Thursday, January 27, there will be a trip to the Newsmuseum in Rosslyn, VA and the Masonic Temple in Alexandria, VA where George Washington was a mason. Members can sign up at the meetings.

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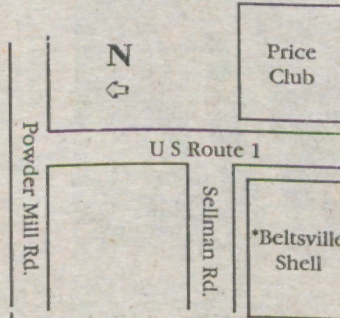
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